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2nd and 4th Saturdays at 10 AM
Silverada Estates Clubhouse
2301 Oddie Blvd., Reno
([map](#)) ([Google Maps](#))
All are welcome!

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Upcoming Events

Sat. Sep. 13 In-person and online Zoom meeting starts at 10 AM. After announcements, committee reports, and raffle, there will be a live auction. Members can have five auction lots until a maximum of 60 lots is reached.

Sat. Sep. 27 In-person and online Zoom meeting starts at 10 AM. After announcements, committee reports, and raffle, there will be a live donation auction. There will be about 50 donated lots mostly consisting of covers.

Stamp Shows

- 1 Oct. 18–19 [East Bay Collectors Club Show](#)
- 1 Nov. 1–2 [SACAPEX](#), Sacramento
- 2 Nov. 15–16 [Filatelie Fiesta](#), San Jose
- 5 Dec. 6–7 [PENPEX](#), Redwood City
- 6 May 23–30 [Boston World Expo 2026](#)

9 Leadership Updates

During the 50th anniversary celebration on August 9, elections for three offices—President, Treasurer, and one Director—were held. **Jeff Waldman** was elected President, **Erik Fields** was reelected Treasurer, and **Dave Gehringer** was reelected Director. We thank former President **James Steckley** for four years of service as he hands the reins to Jeff.

50th Anniversary Celebration of the Nevada Stamp Study Society

August 9, 2025

by John Walter

As the 50th anniversary of our stamp club was approaching, the membership wanted to do something special. The winning suggestion was to have a catered celebration instead of our annual August picnic.

Jeanne Paquin and **Maggie Griener** volunteered to coordinate the event. The venue was at the Silverada Estates Clubhouse in Reno, same place as the meetings.

The catering arrangements were made with Famous Dave's restaurant. The food provided was beef meatballs, with two kinds of pasta, rigatoni and white sauce, and spaghetti with red sauce, plus Caesar salad and garlic knots (bread). The meal was wonderful, hot and fresh and there was plenty to go around with seconds if so desired.

Maggie had flowers and snacks on every table. Bottled water, soft drinks and wine were available.

Two special anniversary cakes and ice cream were served as dessert.



One of the stamp show's cancel was on the vanilla cake and Happy 50th Anniversary on the chocolate cake.

After opening remarks from **Jeanne Paquin** and President **James Steckley**, everyone enjoyed some great social time and a wonderful meal. **Dave Gehringer** had some appreciative remarks for **James Steckley**, retiring after 4 years as president, and for Jeanne and Maggie for a great event.

Attendance was 52 members and family, by far the largest club social gathering to date.



Our Junior member, **Donny Sehr**, provided some entertainment asking some Trivia questions that were based on the history of the club with a couple of extras, like "What is the name of the longest river in the world?" Correct answers were rewarded with a Starbucks gift card.

On the left is **Jeanne Paquin** and **Donny Sehr** with the trivia questions.

Our special guest, **Dick Dreiling**, 49-year member, could not make the celebration as he was admitted to the hospital 3 days before after suffering a heart attack. We all signed a get-well card and wrote some special comments to be delivered to his hospital room.

Jeanne then made several presentations, the first to James for four years as President. He received a gift of a hand turned mug made by an artisan in Nevada, with the NV state outline on the front with a horse.



Some of the participants at the 50th Anniversary Party.



Jeanne presented certificates and a donated book about “the world around us” to the following members:

Left to right -

Eric Moody: Creating wonderful quizzes for the Post Boy and Beyond.

Barbara Stanfield: Our hostess, always there when needed.

Dave Parsons: Running our on-line auctions and handling Penny boxes.





John Walter: Tech Advisor, Webmaster and so many more jobs we don't have room to list them all!



George Ray: Responsibility of clubhouse reservations and raffles.



Gary Atkinson: Auctioneer that created the best entertainment.



Jeanne Paquin: Always willing to volunteer for numerous club activities, dedication for the betterment of the stamp club.



Maggie Griener: Keeping auction Bucks program, handling guest book and Anniversary Party.



Mike Potter: Membership & facilitator of our show frames and auctioneer.



Dave Gehringer: Director of educational programs.

Having the annual Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show 2 weeks ago, a special 50th Anniversary cachet cover was given to members in attendance.

The final act at the party was annual elections. They are normally held in August when the membership year starts.

The contested office for President: **Jeff Waldman** 18 votes and **Jeanne Paquin** 14 votes. **Erik Fields** was reelected Treasurer and **Dave Gehringer** was reelected as Director.

History of the Nevada Stamp Study Society—by John Walter



The Nevada Stamp Study Society was incorporated on August 5, 1975.

The **earliest Post Boy** archived is **June 1977**. The issue is 18 pages and [posted on our website](#) under Post Boy Archives. It is much too long to reproduce in the entire. At this point in time the club was meeting twice a month in Carson City. Ruthe Dreiling was the Post Boy editor.



A report on the spring (1977) show "Ruthe Dreiling, Emma Vilardi, and Laura Wilhite brought their award-winning exhibits, which were mounted on boards, each then told what the Judges had told them about improving the exhibit. We are going to ask everyone who exhibited, to please bring theirs, and give us the Judge critique. It is a good way to find out about what to do, and what not to do for an exhibit."

There was also a Special Announcement for everyone to attend the August 6 meeting: "It's the NSSS's second Birthday. After installation of Officers, there will be an Anniversary Party." Seems like the start of our annual picnic.



This is the earliest show cover with cachet and special postmark archived from the 1976 spring stamp show in Carson City.

Interesting observations looking back at early newsletters: The Post Boy title for the newsletter has not changed in 50 years, philatelic raffles were mentioned in 1977, a birthday party was planned every August (now a picnic), annual Christmas party for members and family. Fund raising among members started in 1976 for exhibit frames with a goal of 100 frames (which was achieved).

NSSS Presidents

Tony Amaral (1975-1976)	Tom Morrissey (1997-1999)
Ruthe Dreiling (interim 1976-1977)	Dick Dreiling (1999-2003)
Laura Wilhite (1977-1978)	Stan Cronwall (2003-2005)
Ruthe Dreiling (interim 1978-1983)	Terri Edwards (2005-2007)
Bill Brew (1983-1985)	Mike Johnson (2007-2009)
Jack Barriage (1985-1987)	Stan Cronwall (2009-2015)
Dick Dreiling (1987-1989)	John Walter (2015-2017)
Gus Geiger (1989-1991)	Harvey Edwards (2017-2021)
Jerry Fenwick (1991-1993)	James Steckley (2021-2025)
Al Shar (1993-1997)	

Today's Dinner Menu on a Postal Card

by Patrick Crosby

Are you a lady or a gentleman? If so, you are invited to dine at Rosso's today. I do not recommend the calf brains with tomato sauce. The astounding thing is that this card, from Oct. 2, 1899, advertises a 25¢ dinner served from 11:30am to 3pm and it was postmarked at 11am the same morning. The restaurant location, now a parking area under a freeway, was 0.6 mile from the addressee's residence, both in downtown Pittsburgh, PA.

The postal card has a Barry Postal Machines Co. classic oval postmark and this particular Barry Pittsburgh marking is only known from June 30 to Oct. 2, 1899. So this card shows latest usage. Although it's not rated as a "very common" cancel, it is still only rated "common" because of businesses like Rosso's that mailed multiple cards daily. Check out the menu and bon appétit.

ROSSO'S
Italia-American Restaurant.

FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
229 AND 231 DIAMOND STREET.

To-day's Dinner Menu, October 2nd, 1899.

Dinner 11:30 a. m. to 3 p. m., 25 Cents.

Regular Dinner Consists of Soup. Choice of Meats. Fish or Entrees.
Two Vegetables. Coffee, Tea or Milk and Pie or Pudding.

SOUP.

Chicken, with Rice. Vegetable.

FISH.

Tenderloin of Trout.

ENTREES.

Fillet of Beef, with Mushrooms. Chicken Salad.
Breaded Veal Chops, with Peas.
Spaghetti, a la Italian.
Calf Liver and Onions.
Calf Brains, with Tomato Sauce.

ROAST.

Prime Ribs of Beef, au Jus.
Short Ribs of Beef.
Spring Lamb, with Mint Sauce.
Pork, with Apple Sauce.
Chicken, with Dressing.

VEGETABLES.

Mashed Potatoes. Sweet Potatoes. Corn Fritters.
Brown Potatoes. Hot Slaw. Boston Baked Beans.

COLD MEATS.

Tongue. Roast Beef. Corned Beef. Ham. Chicken.

DESSERT.

Pumpkin, Mince and Apple Pie.
Apple Dumplings. Tapioca Pudding.
Coffee, Tea, Milk and Iced Tea.

ITALIAN DISHES OUR SPECIALTY.

First-class in Every Respect.

OPEN SUNDAYS.



Quiz: Famous Bridges

by Eric Moody

1. This multi-span cantilever bridge, the longest in Canada, connects the province of Prince Edward Island with the mainland. Completed in 1997 and depicted that year on a pair of stamps (#1645–1646) with a label between them, it is the
 - (a) Queen Elizabeth Bridge.
 - (b) Confederation Bridge.
 - (c) New Century Bridge.
 - (d) Pierre Trudeau Bridge.
2. The centennial of this iconic American bridge, the longest suspension bridge in the world at the time of its completion, was celebrated with a U.S. stamp in 1983.
 - (a) Boston's Longfellow Bridge
 - (b) Chicago's Michigan Avenue Bridge
 - (c) New York's Brooklyn Bridge
 - (d) Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin Bridge
3. The oldest of Paris' bridges over the Seine, one whose original construction dates back to 1578, is featured on a 1978 French stamp (#1599). It is the
 - (a) Pont Royal.
 - (b) Pont Alexandre III.
 - (c) Pont des Arts.
 - (d) Pont Neuf.
4. This historic bridge over the Thames River in London (an early version of which was featured on Britain's stamp #2073 in 2002) was dismantled in the late 1960s and its exterior stonework was reassembled at Lake Havasu City, Arizona. There the stones were used to cover a new span over a channel of the Colorado River so that it had the appearance of the original bridge. The replicated structure is the
 - (a) Waterloo Bridge.
 - (b) Tower Bridge.
 - (c) Westminster Bridge.
 - (d) London Bridge.
5. Europe and Asia are connected at Istanbul, Turkey by this modern bridge across the strait that separates the two continents. Its completion in 1973 was marked with three Turkish stamps (#1960–1962). The impressive intercontinental span is the
 - (a) Dardanelles Strait Bridge.
 - (b) Constantine Bridge.
 - (c) Bosphorous Bridge.
 - (d) Kemal Ataturk Bridge.
6. Until 2008, when its title was lost to a modern Ohio structure, this old wooden bridge spanned the Connecticut River between Vermont and New Hampshire was the longest covered bridge in the U.S. Featured on a 2006 stamp (#4071), it is the
 - (a) Arlington Green Bridge.
 - (b) Cornish–Windsor Bridge.
 - (c) Lower Humbert Bridge.
 - (d) Switzer Covered Bridge.
7. The five-mile-long Mackinac Bridge, which had its 1957 opening commemorated with a U.S. stamp (#1109), connects two peninsulas of this Great Lakes state.
 - (a) Michigan
 - (b) Ohio
 - (c) Minnesota
 - (d) Wisconsin
8. The first bridge built entirely of iron, in 1777–1779, over the Severn River in England's Shropshire County, is depicted on a 1989 British stamp (#1280). The community in which this popular tourist attraction is located is
 - (a) Severn Gorge.
 - (b) Smeltertown.
 - (c) Ironbridge.
 - (d) Baxter Hill.

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9. This spectacular U.S. coastal city bridge, built in the 1930s with Art Deco styling, is featured on a 1998 stamp (#31851).
- the Brooklyn Bridge
 - the Chesapeake Bay Bridge
 - Seattle's Aurora Bridge
 - the Golden Gate Bridge
10. New York City's Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge, which opened in 1964, has been celebrated on three U.S. stamps and one (#901) from this country in the year of its opening.
- Japan
 - Canada
 - Italy
 - France
11. Intended as a major commercial artery between an island and the mainland in the Seoul metropolitan area, this towering, five-span, cable-stayed bridge was completed in 2009. The longest bridge in South Korea, and depicted on that country's stamp #2324b, it is the
- Danyang–Kunshan Grand Bridge.
 - Yeongjong Island Bridge.
 - Incheon Bridge.
 - Rama VIII Bridge.
12. Venice's famed Bridge of Sighs (Ponte dei Sospiri), an enclosed stone pedestrian bridge that crosses the Rio di Palazzo between the Doge's Palace and a prison, was completed in 1603. As one of the structures threatened by the city's continuing subsidence into its Adriatic Sea lagoon, it was featured on a 1972 stamp (#1754) from this country that was promoting UNESCO's *Save Venice* campaign.
- Mongolia
 - Italy
 - South Africa
 - Cuba

The quiz is worth 120 Auction Bucks. Please give your answers to **Maggie Griener** at the next meeting or email them to postboyquiz@renostamp.org. **August quiz answers:** 1c, 2d, 3b, 4b, 5a, 6d, 7c, 8b, 9c, 10d, 11a, 12c.



Vassar Post Office Display By John Walter



Both display frames have material for local events.

The skies over Reno come alive every September. The 2025 Great Reno Balloon Race is set for September 5–7, 2025, at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park. Event highlights include:

- Dawn Patrol: Balloons launch in the dark, glowing against the early morning sky.
- Mass Ascension: Up to 100 colorful hot air balloons take flight together.
- Special Shapes: Expect whimsical designs like flying pigs, giant bees, and cartoon characters.

The event is advertised as the world's largest free hot-air ballooning event: <https://renoballoon.com/>

Some of the covers on display have special cachets from past Reno races. Other covers illustrate hot air ballooning.

Big changes are soaring in for 2025! The legendary Reno Air Races—officially the National Championship Air Races (NCAR)—are relocating to Roswell, New Mexico, marking a historic new chapter for the world's fastest motorsport. After 60 years at the Reno-Stead Airport the event is moving to Roswell Air Center, Roswell, NM, September 10–14.

It is still hosted by the Reno Air Racing Association (RARA).

From the mid-1980's to the mid-2000's, the Nevada Stamp Study Society had a booth selling air race covers. Tom Morrissey hand painted many covers that were sold. On display is a small selection of his cachet covers.

